

Boston, 21 Cornhill,
Decr. 21. 1859.

Dear Mr. May:

I was just sitting down to write you a few lines, by the girls, (who have a fine day for starting on their Syracuse expedition & visit,) when John came in and brought your note of 19th, asking for a copy of the November "Advocate", and requesting to receive the copies regularly henceforth. - You are now a regular subscriber to the "Advocate", and have paid your subscription to Oct. 1. 1859, and have, as I supposed, been regularly receiving your numbers direct from Dublin, - which is the way all the American subscribers are supplied, (with the exception of 2 or 3 who have been supplied thro' Wallcut, but these he proposes to change, ^{the subscribers} and have sent to direct from Dublin, & thus save time and trouble all round.) I know your name was sent to R. D. Webb, and your

money duly accounted for to him,
and, if you have received any Advocates
at all since you subscribed, you
must have got them from him, as we
have sent you none. Please let me

know how this is, that I may notify
him of his delinquency, if you do not
receive the numbers. We could

not undertake to send you the paper,
as we have no extra copies come to
us; - ~~unless~~ ^{but if} any one would like to
purchase a set from the beginning -
of which I have ^{sets} 2 for sale, on R.D.
Webb's (or rather the Advocate's) acc^t.

- I have made a long story of it, but wish^d
to show you just how the matter stands.

- I send you, for your use, copies of the
November & December Advocates, (for
it is the Dec. No., I suspect, which you
wish to see.) Please return them when
done with, (when Ade. comes, will
do,) for my files.

We send all good wishes, and
our best love to you all, by the girls,
who, we hope, will in all respects
uphold the good name of the
Mays. We shall enjoy their
enjoyments, ^{of the visit,} and we trust they
will not let their visit become
too much of a care & burden to
Cousin Charlotte. Give my
love to Cousin Lucretia, and my
sincere respects to Miss Coffin;
and to J. E. and Jos. my love.

As to other matters, I have not
time now to enlarge. We have made
no appointment of agents in England.
Your letters on the subject have been
duly laid before the Comtee, and the
subject is under consideration. —
Our funds are not, just now, in a
condition to allow any considerable
expenditure for A. S. libraries; but that
subject, too, is not forgotten.

The subscription to the "Advocate"
is Fifty Cents per annum only -
which includes the price of the paper
and the English postage. You have
also a postage to pay ^{on this side} ~~here~~. When
convenient, you can send the
half-dollar to me for Oct '59. to Oct '60

Truly, tho' in haste,

Yrs

Saml. May Jr

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